



# OREGON CHILD DEVELOPMENT COALITION

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### Oregon Child Development Coalition Celebrates Early Education, Employment and Dedication During 40th Anniversary in Ontario

**WILSONVILLE, ORE. – July 27, 2011** – The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC), a nonprofit organization, will host a 40th anniversary celebration in Ontario on Friday, August 12, from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Malheur County is only one of 11 counties who provide Head Start services to low-income, agricultural families in the state of Oregon within the OCDC network.

“We are excited to celebrate OCDC’s 40th anniversary in Ontario,” said Lori Clark, Malheur County Program Director. “This event will allow us to share with the community what our organization does and showcase our center, programs, families and staff,” said Clark.

Malheur County’s OCDC centers serve a total of 310 children, 271 families and employ 70 people year round and an additional 30 – 40 people on a seasonal basis. One-fourth of the entire staff has been employed there for 15 – 29 years.

The two centers in Ontario and Nyssa provide Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Programs and Early Head Start. Starting in September Malheur County will start an Early Head Start Home Visiting Program as well. The centers run a total of 23 classrooms throughout the year.

During the event in Ontario guests will explore the facility through tours, meet staff, and learn about the services and programs the center provides. In addition, guests will enjoy a children’s program by our Preschool classes and a “Walk Through Time” presentation which will include personal testimonials by alumni, parents and staff. The celebration is open to the public and located at 482 SE 3rd Street Ontario, OR. Guests may begin arrival at 1:00 p.m. with festivities starting at 2:00 p.m. sharp.

This is OCDC’s ninth county to host and celebrate the organization’s 40th Anniversary. Celebrations will continue throughout the 12 counties it currently serves over the next two months ending with a Gala event on Saturday, October 8, 2011 to highlight the accomplishments of the past 40 years and each individual center.

OCDC specializes in providing quality early childhood education and care for children ages birth to five, who come from working families with incomes below or at the poverty level. The goal is to help these children become ready for kindergarten, and also to provide health, education, parent involvement, mental health, nutrition and social services.

For more information about the event please contact Anthony Veliz at [aveliz@izomarketing.com](mailto:aveliz@izomarketing.com).

For more information about OCDC please visit [www.ocdc.net/40th](http://www.ocdc.net/40th) and “like us” at [www.facebook.com/ocdc.oregon](http://www.facebook.com/ocdc.oregon).

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The Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) is an established private nonprofit corporation that serves children and their families through Migrant and Seasonal Head Start (MSHS), Migrant and Seasonal Early Head Start (MSEHS), Oregon Pre-Kindergarten (OPK) and Oregon Early Head Start (OEHS). As one of the largest education and early care networks in Oregon, OCDC is dedicated to improving the lives of children and families through Preparing children for school, Promoting economic opportunities families and communities, Partnering and collaborating and Practicing inclusiveness.